

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-53. (Canceled).

54. (Currently amended) A mopping device for mopping surfaces comprising:

- a. a longitudinally extending mop covering holder having a mopping side and a top side;
- b. a handle sleeve mounted on the mop covering holder at the top side;
- c. an operating handle integrated with the handle sleeve; ~~and~~
- d. a mop covering arranged at the mop covering holder at the mopping side and;

e. at least one ventilation opening located on the mop covering holder through which air can escape, wherein the ventilation opening is manually closable and openable by means of a movable closure element and the closure element is adjustable by means of an adjusting mechanism which is located at the operating handle and which is fixable in a closed setting holding the closure element in a closed position on the ventilation opening.

55. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the handle sleeve further comprises a pivot joint.

56. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 55, wherein the pivot joint is selected from the group consisting of a simple joint and a universal joint.

57. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the operating handle is inserted in the handle sleeve.
58. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the mop covering is replaceable.
59. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the mop covering is a textile.
60. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, the mop covering holder further comprising a reservoir and at least one discharge opening located in the mop covering holder wherein cleaning liquid can flow from the reservoir through the discharge opening and onto the mop covering.
61. (Canceled)
62. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the mop covering holder has an approximately circular cross-section.
63. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 61, wherein the ventilation opening is located on the top side of the mop covering holder.
64. (Canceled)
65. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 64, wherein the closure element is selected from the group consisting of a closure plug, a withdrawable and re-insertable closure strip, and a closure cap.
66. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 64, wherein the ventilation opening is arranged in the region of the handle sleeve, and the closure element is arranged on the handle sleeve.

67. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 66, further comprising a bearing for the closure element, the bearing located in the handle sleeve.
68. (Canceled)
69. (Currently amended) The mopping device of claim ~~68~~ 54, wherein the adjusting mechanism is a setting rod.
70. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 69, wherein the setting rod is actuatable, for fixing, in a rotary motion about the axis thereof.
71. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 69, wherein the setting rod is an L shape and fixing is effected in accordance with the functional principle of a bayonet closure.
72. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 60, wherein the discharge opening is arranged on the mopping side of the mop covering holder.
73. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 60, wherein the discharge opening is covered by the mop covering.
74. (Currently amended) The mopping device of claim ~~54~~ 60, wherein the mop covering further comprises retention molding insertable into the discharge opening.
75. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the mop covering comprises a substantially elongated rectangular flat mop covering.
76. (Previously presented) The mopping device of claim 54, wherein the mop covering is slightly longer than the mop covering holder.